

New Year's Address.

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TO THE PATRONS OF THE

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THE IMPROVED Secor Sewing Machine.

IN PRESENTING THE Improved Secor Sewing Machine

to the public, Everhard & Harris claim it to be as absolutely perfect as human genius has yet devised. Comprising the fewest number of pieces of any Lock-Stitch Machine, all the movements positive from a single straight shaft, it is the most simple, readily adjusted, noiseless, and easy to run of any in use. In the range and variety of its work, and of the various kinds of texture it will sew, it has no superior. The finest fabrics, silk illusion, laces, Swiss muslin, etc., and the heaviest cloth or even leather is sewn with equal facility.

IT MAKES THE JUSTLY CELEBRATED LOCK-STITCH, and in all respects is the most desirable Machine for Families, the Dressmaker, the Corset Maker, Shirt Manufacturers, Tailoring, etc.

THE NEW SHUTTLE

is a solid steel forging, tempered; the tension being on the thread and not on the bobbin, insures an equal strain on the thread, whether the bobbin be full or nearly empty, and is easily threaded.

THE TENSIONS

are the most absolutely simple and practically perfect yet invented; having none of the objections heretofore in other machines, it is difficult to see how they can be improved, being SELF-ADJUSTING. It will literally sew from tissue paper to leather, and no change is required in passing over seams.

The tension plates are close to the needle, and if the thread is cut from the spool, will work until the thread is exhausted. The Throat Tube is a new feature, so that coarse No. 8 cotton, or the finest 300, can be used practically.

THE NEEDLE IS SELF-SETTING.

By this is meant, that in setting the needle, it enters the needle-bar but one way, and when set, is neither too high nor too low, but always correct, and as it is invariably the same distance from the shuttle, whether the needle is coarse or fine, the formation of the loop is mechanically infallible. The needles are short and straight, and peculiar to this machine.

THE NEW FEED MOTION

is the very *ne plus ultra* of human invention, and cannot be simplified or improved. It starts from the needle always, whether the stitch is long or short, seams are no impediment, and the feed never fails or halts, as it is positive in all its movements, no springs being used. Therefore, no irregularity of the stitching occurs when increasing the speed. The stitch can be regulated from the smallest possible stitch to one of a quarter of an inch in length.

THE TAKE-UP

is variable and positive, and performs its work with an ease, simplicity, certainty and accuracy almost human. Mechanically, it cannot give more or less than just thread enough to form the loop, whether the goods be thick or thin. *The lock is in the center of the fabric.*

THE PATENT CAM-SLIDE

is a new feature in the Secor Machine. It is made of hardened steel, in which are two small plungers, causing the slide to run smooth and noiseless, and obviates the harsh, grinding noise occasioned by using steel rollers.

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The Old and New Year.

Close up the Book ! its leaves are filled
With records of the bygone hours ;
Within its folds alone are left
The faded fragrance of dead flowers.
'Twas a fair volume e'er its page
Bore traces of fast-fleeting time,
Illuminated with the hopes
Whose brightness seemed with joy to chime.

Yes, close the stained and worn-out Book
That bears the mark of mirth and tears !
And place it in the archives, where
Lie histories of the vanished years.
Let it find rest in memory's land,
Where life's vicissitudes are o'er,
Beneath those calm and peaceful skies,
To know earth's change and blight no more.

Yet—e'er we close it—once again
We turn in sadness o'er each page,
Tracing the vanished days and hours
That marked the old year's pilgrimage.
We see his joyous natal morn,
We trace the bounding steps of spring,
And sigh above the faded bloom
That round the pages seems to cling.

Summer has left her impress there,
Of golden moments and glad light ;
Dim sunshine hangs around it still,
From glowing morn till quiet night.

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Sweet fragrance seems to linger yet,
Of lily, rose, and violet blue;
We turn the page, and autumn stands
A crowned queen before our view.

And fair the traces she has left
Of mellowed beauty, calmer skies.
We see the hillside and the plain
Gleaming with russet, Tyrian dyes.
Fast follows winter's icy night,
Its cold, unpitying, blighting breath
Steals o'er the hours, and with strong hand,
Beauty and brightness, gives to death.

Page after page—we read it all—
The hurrying step of time we find ;
Records of happiness and peace,
Of love and hope and joy entwined.
Flowers of rare beauty, when life seemed
A heaven with skies so blue and fair ;
When visions of the Eden lost
Came stealing back to linger there.

We read it all—the blighted hopes,
The dreams that faded fast away ;
The coffin lid that closed above
The brightness of love's perfect day.
Traces of grass-grown graves are there,
Where loved and loving find sweet rest,
Familiar tones, and words and smiles,
Silent and changed, death's power attest.

Close up the Book ! for nevermore
Shall come again those vanished hours ;
Close up the Book—where lingers still
The fragrance of remembered flowers.
When life is over, shall we read
Its leaves of joy and grief again ?
Perchance we may—beneath His eye,
Who can all mystery explain.

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What shall its record be when months
Have come and fleetly passed away ?
What shall be written on its leaves
By time's stern finger every day ?

Shall gladness crown the winter hours
With echoes of resounding mirth ?
Shall the warm greeting be prolonged
That heralds now the new year's birth ?
Or shall a shadow steal athwart
The icy splendor—lingering there ?
Leaving upon the snowy page
The trace of pain, and woe and care ?

Shall the light foot of spring come back
With kindling eye, and robe of green ?
Shall the meek flowers come stilly forth
To deck again their gladsome queen ?
Or shall we read across its leaves
Of one whose hand so darkly hides
The glorious beauty of the earth,
As serpent-like o'er all it glides ?

Shall radiant summer write *her* name
Upon these pages, while her hours
Are sending stores of fragrance up
From myriads of buds and flowers ?
Or shall pale traces of her light,
Leave but a shadow, dark and deep,
Across the glory of the skies,
Where silent stars their vigils keep ?

Shall regal autumn come to earth
With bounteous hand and golden store,

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Writing upon these faultless leaves
 Remembered blessings o'er and o'er ?
 Or shall she trace but written words
 Of failing strength and hopes that fade ?
 Or shall a sombre mantle be
 Upon her russet radiance laid ?

Shall *we* through coming days still read,
 With happy hearts each snowy page ?
 Shall we mark *gladly*, day by day,
 The new year on its pilgrimage ?
 Or shall the shadows 'round us fall,
 And vanished hopes our sunlight dim ?
 As buoyant spirits learn to chant
 In sadness, life's funereal hymn ?

Shall every leaf, oh ! volume fair,
 Keep record of our onward *life* ?
 For us will every morning come,
 Or shall we know death's bitter strife ?
 Tell us, thou year, wilt thou inscribe
 Our going, with pale brow and cheek,
 To rest in strange dark silence, where
 The lip of love no word may speak ?

We may not know—each future hour
 To us is but a sealed book,
 Upon whose dim, mysterious page,
 The eye of mortal may not look,
 Teach us, oh ! Father, to record
 On every leaf, some duty done,
 That at the close of death's dark night,
 The morn of life may be begun.

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